

Clifford T. Hayes, 62, passed away in his home near Post Falls on December 12, 2013. Cliff was born in Brockton, Massachusetts on May 24, 1951. He was raised in Lakewood, California, and he attended Lakewood High School and Long Beach City College. He served in the National Guard before moving to Post Falls in 1982.

Cliff began his career in public service as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician for the Post Falls Fire Department. He became a dispatcher at the Post Falls Police Department in 1983. His law enforcement career spanned 26 years and included time as both a Patrol Officer and Detective Sergeant.

Cliff was promoted to Chief of Police in 1987. As Chief, Cliff instituted many new initiatives including the O.A.S.I.S. program for victims of domestic abuse, D.A.R.E., and the School Resource Officer program. He graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1997. Cliff retired from the Police Department in 2009. He returned to public service the next year as Kootenai County Clerk and held that office until his death.

In addition to his law enforcement work, Cliff served on the Idaho Public Employee Retirement System Board, he was President of the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association, and he was a member of several other statewide organizations.

Cliff was a founding member, treasurer, and vice president of the Post Falls Community Volunteers. During Cliff's time as a member, the Volunteers brought Fiddle Fest to Post Falls, built the Q'emlin Park Grand Pavilion, and organized other events and service projects in the community. Cliff was also a member of American Legion Post 143.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Jeanne, and their five children, Lisa, Jennifer, Melissa, John, and Natalie. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Zack, Ashley, Audrey, and Emily. Cliff's surviving siblings are Judy, Pat, and Mark.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, December 21st at the Q'emlin Park Grand Pavilion. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Post Falls Community Volunteers, the Post Falls Historical Society, or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Please visit Cliff's memorial and sign his online guestbook at www.yatesfuneralhomes.com